

Social Story:
Miss Nelson Has a Field Day

April 30, 2019

Presented by Dallas Children's Theater at the
Midland Center for the Arts



I am going to see a show at the Midland Center for the Arts.



This is the parking lot at the Midland Center for the Arts. We will get out of our car here and walk to the doors.





These are the glass doors we will go through to enter the building.



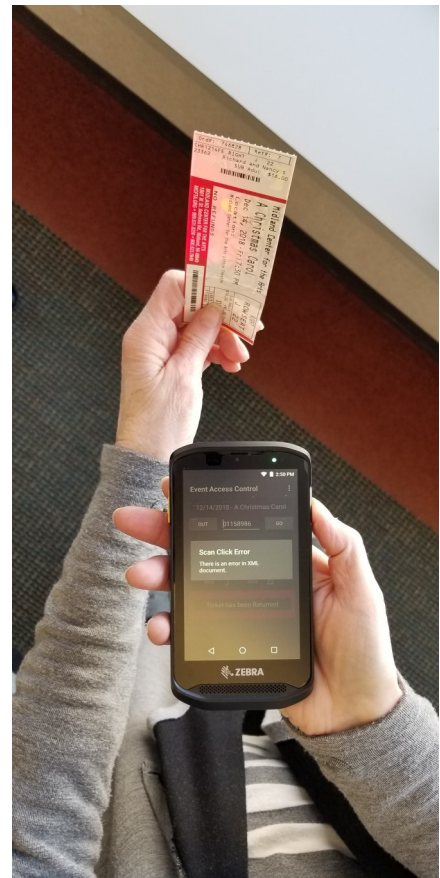
This is the Ticket Office. We might have to wait in line to buy our tickets or pick up our Will Call tickets here.





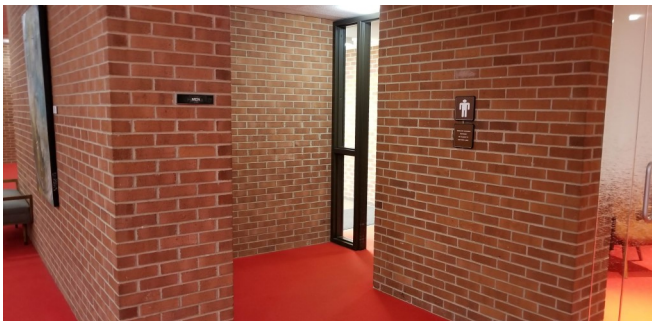
This is the Brick Lobby. We will walk through this lobby to the doors where an usher will greet us.

When we are ready to go into the theater, an usher will scan my ticket with this device. The ticket scanner makes a “whoosh” noise that sounds like a light saber from Star Wars! The usher will tell me to go to the right or the left to find our seats.

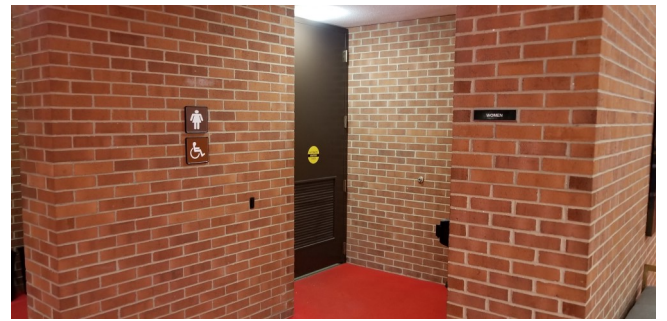




We will walk into the Red Carpet Lobby. The carpet is red like an apple. There is artwork on the walls I can look at.



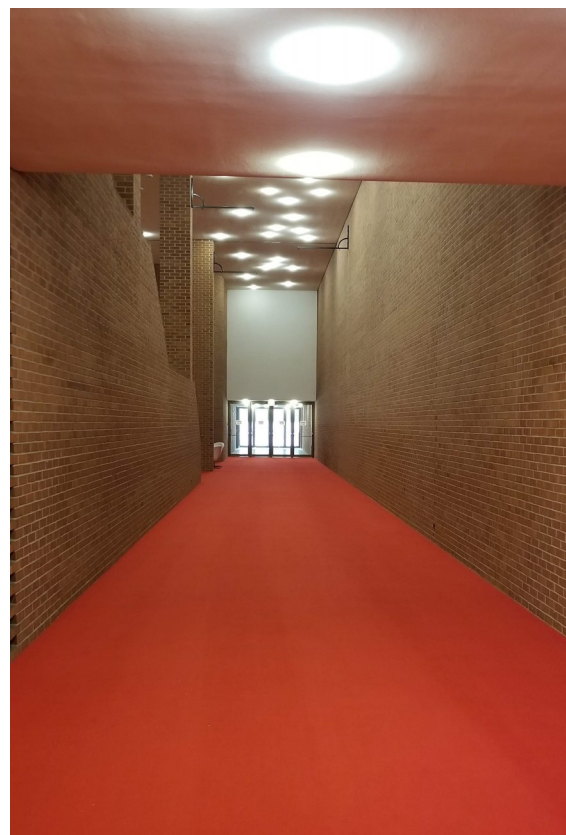
Men's restroom entrance to the left



Women's restroom entrance to the right

These are the restrooms doors in the Red Carpet Lobby. These restrooms have toilets with automatic flushers. Restrooms with manual flushers are located by the art studios.

We will walk down a long hallway to the auditorium doors.



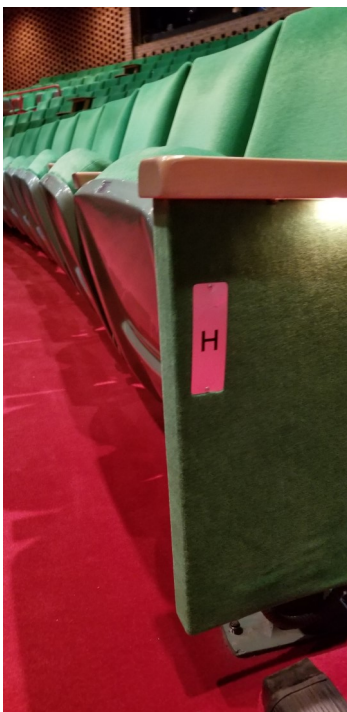
These are the doors to the seats in the theater. There will be a volunteer usher at each door. The usher will hand me a program as I enter the seating area.



A program from the Center

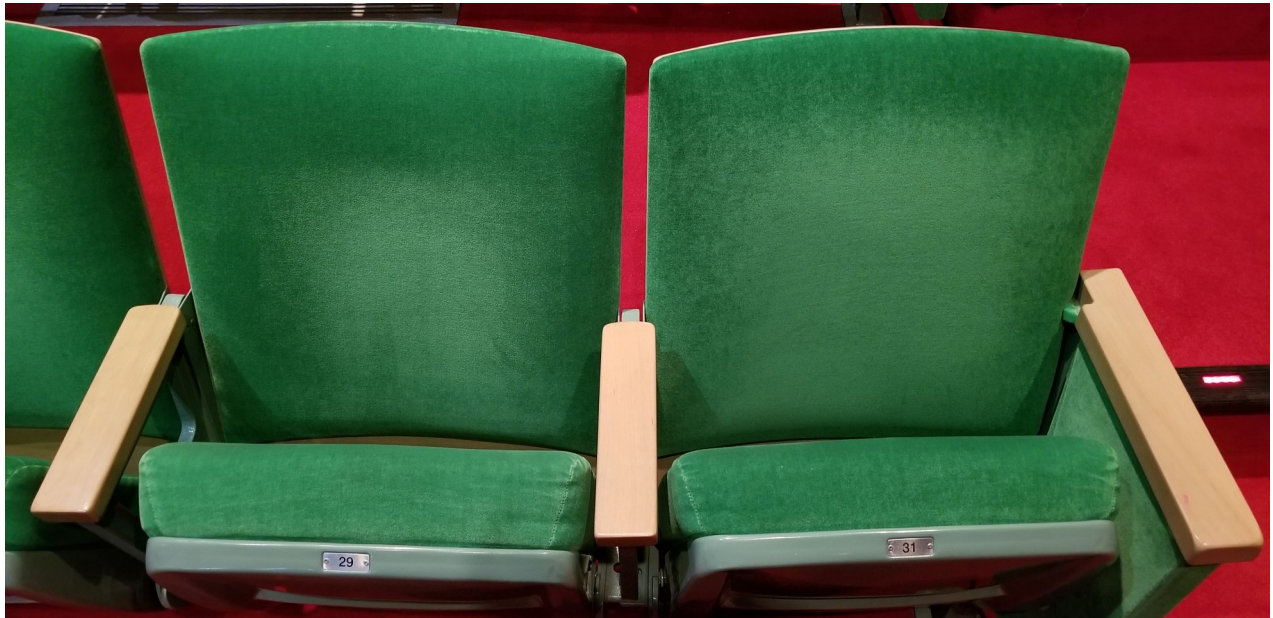


These are the seats. They are green like an apple! When I enter the theater, we will look for our row by letter. I may have to walk up or down some stairs to find our row. We will then look for our seats by number.



Rows have letters on them. Seats have numbers on them.

When I sit, I keep my feet on the floor and do not kick the seat in front of me. Many people will come into the theatre and locate their seats while I wait for the show to begin.



The lights dim when the show is ready to start. If the sounds of the show or people coming in late are too loud, I can wear hearing protection or cover my ears.

I stay in my seat during the show if I can. If I have a question, I will ask it very quietly.

If I need to use any calming tools I brought with me, I can do so in theater.



If I need to take a break, I can leave the theater and go to the Take-a-Break space, which is in the lounge inside the Red Carpet Lobby. There are quiet activities I can do and comfortable bean bag chairs to sit in.



After each scene or song, the audience may clap and cheer for the actors. If I am not sure when to clap, I can wait for other people to clap and then join in. If the clapping is too loud, I can wear hearing protection or cover my ears.



At the end of the show, the actors will bow to thank the audience for coming to see them. The audience will clap and cheer for them. If the clapping is too loud, I can wear hearing protection or cover my ears.



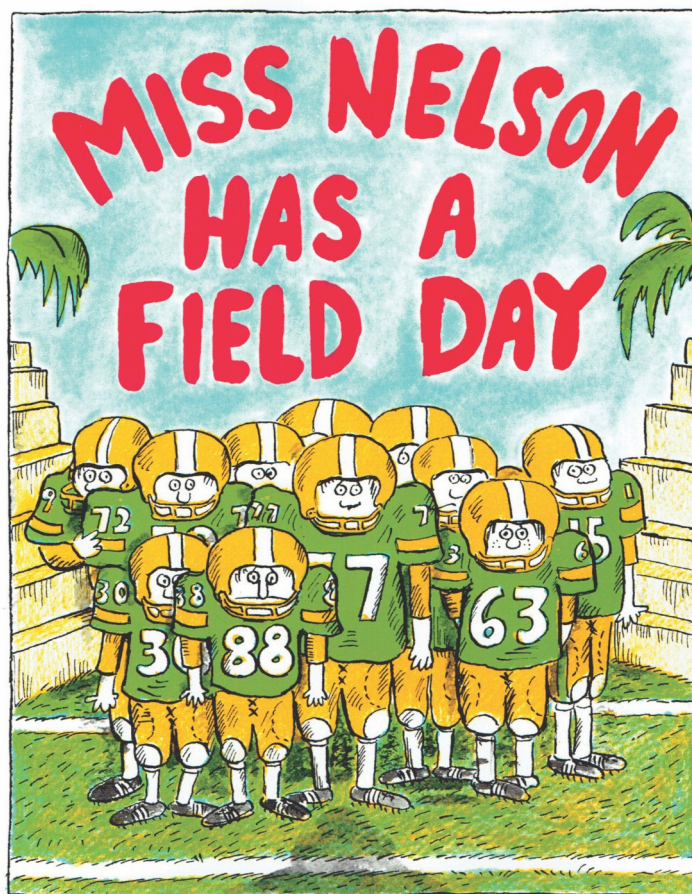
After the actors have left the stage, we will stand up and leave the auditorium. This may take a few minutes, as there are lots of people leaving at the same time. It is OK to wait in my seat as others leave.



I will leave the Auditorium and the Center for the Arts the same way I came in. I can talk about the show with my family and friends when it is done and we are leaving.



Miss Nelson Has a Field Day is a musical, which means that the actors on the stage sing and dance to help tell the story. The actors also talk to each other as the characters they are playing.



This show has different styles of music, some of which I may like or may not like. If I don't enjoy a particular song, I just need to wait a few minutes for the next one.



The Story of Miss Nelson Has a Field Day

The Smedley Tornados have not only never won a football game, they have never scored a single point! Coach Armstrong goes bonkers and Miss Nelson decides to help out. She enlists Coach Viola Swamp to whip the team into shape and save the day!

Characters:

Miss Nelson

Lauren

Viola Swamp

Cafeteria Lady

Kenny

Dani

Blandsworth

Patrick

Armstrong